

FALL 2025

# Articulation Agreement of Academic Programs

between

## Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

The above institutions hereby enter into an agreement to facilitate the transfer of students enrolled in the Associate in Science program in Nursing at Bristol Community College into the RN-BS online program in Nursing at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

### University of Massachusetts Dartmouth **Approval**

Signed by:

*Ramprasad Balasubramanian*

Dr. Ramprasad Balasubramanian  
Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

### Bristol Community College **Approval**

Signed by:

*Sedgwick L. Harris*

Sedgwick L. Harris, Ph.D.  
President

Signed by:

*Andrew Fisher*

Andrew Fisher, Ed.D.  
Vice President of Academic Officer

Signed by:

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Kate O'Hara, MBA, M.Ed.  
Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management

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Dr. Kimberly Christopher  
Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences

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*Dorothy Chase*

Dorothy Chase, Ph.D., MSN, BSN, RN  
Dean, School of Health Professions Programs

Date 1/8/2026

### **Objectives:**

1. To attract qualified students to Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.
2. To promote and facilitate an efficient transition of transfer students between institutions.
3. To provide specific information and guidelines for transfer students.
4. To encourage academic coordination and cooperation, including curricular reviews, on-site visits, and joint academic advising for students attending Bristol Community College.

### **Stipulations:**

1. This agreement applies to transfer students with an Associate of Science in Nursing and Registered Nurse licensure in the state they reside.
2. Bristol Community College graduates may transfer up to 90 credits into UMass Dartmouth's RN to BS in Nursing program. Of the 90 transfer credits, graduates from Bristol Community College's Associate of Science in Nursing and successful enrollment into UMass Dartmouth's RN to BS in Nursing online degree program will receive 45 nursing portfolio credits and 34 non-nursing credits. Outside of college initials associate degree, students may transfer, although not required for admissions, an additional 11 credits from an accredited institution to fulfill UMass Dartmouth's non-nursing requirements. These credits must meet the minimum transfer grade point average and fulfill a UMassD degree requirement. See transfer equivalency grid on page 3 for specifics.

### **Mutual Responsibilities:**

1. Both institutions agree to maintain current listings of the course equivalencies. This will be the responsibility of the two designated representatives.
2. Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will incorporate a summary of this agreement into official publications and web sites.
3. Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program by providing information, advising and other assistance required to foster a seamless transition from the two-year institution to the four-year institution.

### **Review/Revision:**

1. Both institutions will periodically review this agreement. Substantive changes in the courses or program of either institution will require a full review of this articulation agreement. Revisions will be implemented with one year notice prior to termination of the agreement.

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## Institution: Bristol Community College Transfer Institution: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

### BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO UMASS DARTMOUTH TRANSFER EQUIVALENCY GRID

#### Bristol Community College AS in Nursing degree requirements that fulfill UMass Dartmouth RN-BS in Nursing degree requirement

| Bristol Community College course  | credits | UMass Dartmouth required course  | credits   |
|---|---------|--|-----------|
| MTH 119 Fundamentals of Statistics or MTH 251 Fundamentals Business Statistics (recommended as a Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning elective)* | 3       | MTH 147 Fundamentals of Statistics   | 3         |
| BIO 233 Human Anatomy & Physiology I  | 4       | BIO 221 Anatomy & Physiology I   | 3         |
|   |         | BIO 223 Anatomy & Physiology I Lab   | 1         |
| BIO 234 Anatomy & Physiology II   | 4       | BIO 222 Anatomy & Physiology II  | 3         |
|   |         | BIO 224 Anatomy & Physiology II Lab  | 1         |
| BIO 239 Elements of Microbiology  | 4       | BIO 251 Medical Microbiology   | 3         |
|   |         | BIO 261 Medical Microbiology Lab   | 1         |
| ENG 101 English Composition I   | 3       | ENL 101 Critical Writing & Reading I   | 3         |
| ENG 102 English Composition II  | 3       | ENL 102 Critical Writing & Reading II  | 3         |
| PSY 101 General Psychology  | 3       | PSY 101 General Psychology   | 3         |
| PSY 252 Child Development   | 3       | PSY 201 Child Psychology (Social Science)                                    | 3         |
| HST 111 The West and the World I or HST 112 The West and the World II   | 3       | HST 103 World Civilizations I or HST 104 World Civilizations II (Humanities) | 3         |
| Human Expression Elective   | 3       | Elective credits   | 3         |
| CSS101 College Success Seminar  | 1       | Elective FRE 800 Free Elective   | 1         |
| Bristol Community College Associate Degree in Nursing, nursing coursework, and NCLEX licensure  | 45      | Nursing Portfolio  | 45        |
| <b>TOTAL ARTICULATION TRANSFER CREDITS</b>  |         |  | <b>79</b> |

#### Additional transfer credits from Bristol Community or other institutions to fulfill UMass Dartmouth RN-BS degree requirement \*\*

| Bristol Community College course   | credits | UMass Dartmouth required course | credits   |
|--|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| SOC 101 Principles of Sociology  | 3       | SOA 101 Intro to Sociology      | 3         |
| 3 credit non-remedial course in Psychology, Sociology, Economics, or Political Science (POL) - example of Bristol courses: PSY 253 Adolescent Psychology; PSY 255 Abnormal Psychology; SOC 212 Sociology of Social Problems; ECO 111 Intro to Macroeconomics                       | 3       | Social Science                  | 3         |
| 3 credits of non-remedial courses in Art History, History, Music, Philosophy (PHL), Spanish or Portuguese- example of Bristol courses: ART 105 Survey of Art History I; HST 113 U.S History to 1877; PHL 152 Ethics; SPA 101 Elementary Spanish I; POR 101 Elementary Portuguese I | 3       | Philosophy                      | 3         |
| Elective credit (minimum of 2 non-remedial credits)  | 2       | Elective credit                 | 2         |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDITS**</b>  |         |                                 | <b>11</b> |

#### UMass Dartmouth RN-BS Online Course Requirements

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| NUR 301 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing                   | 3          |
| NUR 306 Professional Nursing                                  | 3          |
| NUR 214 Scholarly Inquiry in Nursing                          | 3          |
| NUR 322 Holistic Health Assessment for RNs                    | 4          |
| NUR 302 Selective Mechanics of Disease & Related Pharmacology | 3          |
| NUR 328 Population Health Nursing                             | 3          |
| NUR 410 Healthcare Informatics                                | 3          |
| NUR 452 Nursing Care of Persons with Chronic Illness          | 3          |
| NUR 409 Leadership in Nursing                                 | 3          |
| Humanities elective (University Studies Requirement)          | 3          |
| <b>UMASS DARTMOUTH MINIMUM RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT CREDITS</b>  | <b>31</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL RN-BS IN NURSING REQUIRED CREDITS</b>                | <b>121</b> |

Bristol Community College graduates may transfer up to 45 nursing portfolio credits upon successful enrollment into UMass Dartmouth's RN-BS online degree program. These credits along with the 34 non-nursing credits result in a cumulative total of 79 transfer credits toward UMass Dartmouth's BS in Nursing degree. Students may transfer additional credits into UMassD while fulfilling the 31 credit residency requirement.

\*Students who successfully complete a Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning elective other than MTH 119 or MTH 251 may transfer the course into UMassD as elective credits.

\*\*Additional transfer credits may be taken at UMassD or transferred from an accredited institution(s). If transferred, these credits follow the standard transfer policy of the University where a minimum grade, course equivalency, and credit requirements must be met. The additional credits are not required for admissions but are required to fulfill UMassD degree. Students are encouraged to contact UMassD prior to taking a course to confirm course equivalency fulfills the degree requirement.

Courses highlighted in blue represent the 31 minimum residency credits to be completed at UMass Dartmouth. The 31 residency credits consist of 28 nursing core credits and 3 non-nursing credits.